

Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes November 27, 2007

Amanda Arrington and Patty Croom presiding.

Minutes from October 30, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Animal Control Update: Cindy Bailey has e-mailed her reports to committee members. Construction on the new facility should begin in the near future. There has been an increase in the number of animal bites (to humans).

Animal Shelter Update: The adoption rate has decreased from this time last year, and more animals have been taken in. 30 dogs were rescued from the puppy mill that was raided; those animals are in foster care awaiting adoption.

Old Business: Cindy commented on the recent increase in number of dog shootings by Durham police officers. A plan has been made to discuss the issue with a representative from the police department. Becky commented that she would also speak with Mayor Bell regarding the issue. A suggestion was made to re-incorporate dog handling into the standard training that all police officers receive.

New Business: A request was made that the committee address the issue of slaughtering animals on public or private property inside city limits. Cindy commented that livestock are not presently allowed in city limits. The issue will be passed on to Marie.

Discussion began on language put forth for a future tethering ban. The proposed language was discussed, and appropriate changes were made. Becky commented that alternatives for tethering along with cost analysis and plans for community education must be submitted to the County Commission along with the proposal. A motion was made to make the appropriate changes and return next month for a vote.

The next meeting will be held January 22, 2008.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.